

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shunichi Bando et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Commissioner:

Applicant herewith files a preliminary amendment attached hereto. Applicant provides authorization to charge applicant's credit card for all filing fees, however, should there be any deficiencies or need for further extension applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extension and authorizes the Director to charge or credit any overpayment to Applicant's charge account 50-2069.